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IN RE PCT NATIONAL STAGE APPLICATION OF  
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Group Art Unit: 1752

Examiner: C. P. Johnson

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FOR: PHOTSENSITIVE RESIN COMPOSITION

COMPRISING A HALOGEN-FREE

COLORANT

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RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action requiring restriction dated September 28, 2006, the following remarks are respectfully submitted for entry and consideration. The Action set a 1 month shortened statutory period for response, making this paper due October 30, 2006 as September 29 and September 30 fall on the weekend. This reply is timely filed and no petition for an extension of time to respond is required.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any necessary fee or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-1935.

The Examiner has asked Applicants to elect a single invention from the following:

Group I - Claims 1-3 and 6 drawn to a photosensitive resin

Group II - Claims 4 and 5 drawn to a solder resist process.

Applicants respectfully note that the preliminary Amendment mailed May 19, 2005 added new claims 7-12 which are not referred to in the restriction requirement.

As claims 7-10 were added to reclaim material deleted from claim 4 due to multiple dependencies, Applicants suggest that they be added to group II; and

As claims 11 and 12 were added to reclaim material deleted from claim 6 due to multiple dependencies, Applicants suggest that they be added to group I.

Applicants hereby elect with traverse the claims of Group I, claims 1-3 and 6, and, if the Examiner approves, claims 11 and 12.

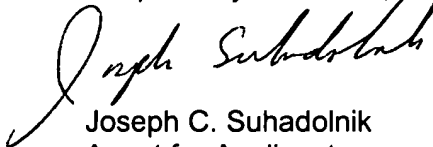
Applicants respectfully note that the claims of group II all require the use of the photosensitive resin composition of group I and therefore suggest that should the claims to the resin compositions be found novel and non-obvious, a process using such compositions would also most likely also be novel and non-obvious. Applicants respectfully ask that the Examiner rejoin the claims of group II with those of group I either now or upon finding claims 1-3, 6, 11 and 12 allowable.

Consideration of the elected claims on their merits is respectfully awaited.

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